

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/449,625	OGAWA, HIROSHI	
	Examiner Shun Lee	Art Unit 2878	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 29 December 2003.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,5,7,20 and 22-26.
3. The drawings filed on 30 November 1999 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
 - (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____. |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No. _____ | 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Response to Amendment

1. It is noted that the amendment filed on 29 December 2003 does not include a complete listing of all claims ever presented (see 37 CFR 1.121(c)) and it appears that portions of previously presented independent claim 1 are missing.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on 22 January 2004, Stan Torgovitsky (43,958) 202-293-7060 requested an extension of time for 1 additional MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 19-4880 the required fee of \$530.00 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

- (a) in claim 1, "800 µm." on line 5 has been replaced by --800 µm, wherein the stimulable phosphor-containing coating solution is applied such that a gap A (µm) between a discharge opening at the tip of the extrusion coater and the support, and the film thickness B (µm) of the coated film of the stimulable phosphor-containing coating solution satisfy the following relational expression
$$0.75 \times B + 100 \leq A \leq 1.10 \times B + 130. --$$
 (see amendment filed 2 April 2003);

- (b) in claim 22, "tat" on line 6 has been replaced by --that-- (see amendment filed 2 April 2003);
- (c) in claim 23, "a film" on lines 6-7 has been replaced by --the film--;
- (d) in claim 24, "100 µm or more" on lines 4-5 has been replaced by --in the range of from 300 to 800 µm--;
- (e) in claim 24, "a film" on lines 6-7 has been replaced by --the film--;
- (f) in claim 25, "800 µm" on line 5 has been replaced by --800 µm,--; and
- (g) in claim 25, "a film" on line 7 has been replaced by --the film--.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the instant application is deemed to be directed to an nonobvious improvement over the invention patented in US Patent 4,728,583. The improvement comprises in combination with other recited elements, a stimulable phosphor-containing coating solution is applied such that a gap A (µm) between a discharge opening at the tip of the extrusion coater and the support, and a film thickness B (µm) of the coated film of the stimulable phosphor-containing coating solution satisfy the following relational expression
$$0.75 \times B + 100 \leq A \leq 1.10 \times B + 130 \text{ or } 0.80 \times B + 100 \leq A \leq 1.05 \times B + 130.$$

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shun Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-2439. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Porta can be reached on (571) 272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


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